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Ministers receive their orders and instructions either directly from Moscow or from specialists in each field attached to the Soviet Embassy in Warsaw. On the other hand, instructions to the government are also issued by the Central Committee of the Party, which in turn received its orders from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Wladyslaw Gomilka, in prison for the past five years, has not been tried yet. He was a Communist, but a Pole also, (a parallel to Tito in Yugoslavia). He could count on a large number of supporters in the Party and most of them were liquidated since then.

2. Q. Will you provide details on location, number and type of prisoners, type of work they are used in, etc. with regard to the forced labor camp you re

A. every other Pole that there are several forced labor camps in Poland, the most notorious of which is the one located at Mielencin near the town of Wloclaw. This camp holds actually about 10 thousand prisoners. Another camp is located between Legnica and Jelenia-Gora; it should also hold about 10 thousand prisoners. Two years ago people were saying there were 300 thousand prisoners confined to forced labor camps. this number has decreased materially during the last several months. These prisoners are made to work in the mines. saw prisoners from the large forced labor camp of Jaworzno, located about 50 kms from Krakow and 30 kms from Katowice. In this group hundreds of prisoners who came from or entered the mines located in this vicinity. Everybody knows this huge labor camp well because it is situated near the national highway which leads from Katowice to Krakow. it holds at least 10 thousand persons. In other camps the prisoners are made to perform heavy labor in the rockpits, forests and even on nationalized state farms (PJR). The prisoners are usually former "capitalists", owners of private enterprises, stores, small shops etc, who were sentenced by so-called special commissions authorized to impose sentences of up to two years, to be served in the forced labor camps. Another category is composed of government officials and employees of public enterprises charged with embezzlement, corruption and all other types of offenses. Among the prisoners one may find also a considerable number of young people from 18 to 24 years old, who became completely demoralized and uprooted by the effects of the German occupation and the Communist regime, and who committed a number of crimes, like burglary, robbery, etc. In these camps one may find, therefore, persons completely innocent and sentenced only because they were found to be "enemies of the working class" compelled to share their lot with ordinary criminals.

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